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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: ROBERT M. STEWART ET AL.

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Title: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR COAGULATING AND DRYING  
LATEX

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims prior  
to the examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 14 as follows:

(A copy of the marked-up version of amended claim 14  
are attached to this Preliminary Amendment).

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14. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 9,  
wherein the second feeding means is a conveyor belt.